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SUBJECT: STATUS OF EC OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FOOD AID CONVENTION

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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST THE COMMISSION HAS BELATEDLY GIVEN US FIGURES ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF EC OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1971 FOOD AID CONVENTION.

2. IN GIVING US THESE FIGURES, WHICH ARE LISTED BELOW IN PARA. E, THE COMMISSION MADE THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS: (A) THAT THE DATA BE TREATED AS UNOFFICIAL AND NOT BE MADE PUBLIC; (B) THAT THE USG NOT MENTION TO CONGRESS OR ANY OTHER BODY THE SOURCE OF THE DATA (COMMISSION OFFICIALS

STATE THAT THE MEMBER STATES HAVE CRITICIZED THE COMMISSION IN THE PAST

FOR GIVING TO THE US DATA ON THE STATUS OF MEMBER STATE FOOD AID OBLIGATIONS. THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO AVOID REPETITION OF SUCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CRITICISMS); (C) THAT THE US NOT MENTION THESE DATA IN ANY CSD MEET-

INGS TAKING PLACE BEFORE THE EC OFFICIALLY TRANSMITS THEM TO THE IWC IN JUNE; (D) THAT THE US INFORM THE COMMISSION OF THE STATUS OF US OBLIGATIONS CONCERNING DONATIONS (QUANTITIES COMMITTED, SHIPPED AND UNCOMMITTED) UNDER THE 1971 FAC; (E) THAT THE US INFORM THE COMMISSION OF US FOOD AID INTENTIONS FOR 1974/75 (AID IN THE FORM OF DONATIONS, LOCAL CURRENCY SALES, ETC.).

3. FOLLOWING ARE THE FIGURES FURNISHED BY THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF THE TOTAL EC AND MEMBER STATE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FOOD AID CONVENTION (FIGURES ARE IN METRIC TONS):

YEAR	TOTAL COMMITMENT OR COMMITTED	SHIPPED	UNCOMMITTED
1971/72	1,035,000	866,000	169,000
1972/73	1,161,000	903,456	257,544
1973/74	1,287,000	579,000	708,000

4. SHIPMENTS OR COMMITMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE ENTIRE EC AND MEMBER STATE OBLIGATIONS FOR 1971/72 AND 1972/73, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE ITALIAN NATIONAL COMMITMENTS, WHICH REMAIN OUTSTANDING PENDING ITALIAN PARLIAMENTARY RATIFICATION OF THE 1971 FOOD AID CONVENTION.

5. THE COMMUNITY HAS OBLIGATED BUT NOT NECESSARILY SHIPPED NEARLY ALL OF ITS 1973/74 COMMITMENT OF 580,000 METRIC TONS OF SOFT WHEAT. UNDER THE SAME PROGRAM THE MEMBER STATES HAVE COMMITTED FOR SHIPMENT 140,000 OF THE ADDITIONAL 707,000 METRIC TONS OBLIGATED BY THE SEPARATE MEMBER STATES.

6. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED BY THE COMMISSION TO THE EC DELEGATION IN WASHINGTON. MYERSON

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